

**DRAFT  
VERDE VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (VVTPO)  
March 24, 2010 Meeting Minutes  
Yavapai County Cottonwood Annex-Verde Room**

**ATTENDING:** Curt Bohall and Steve Burroughs, Town of Clarkdale; Andy Dickey and Mark DiNunuo, City of Sedona, Tim Costello, City of Cottonwood; John Dalby, ADOT, Flagstaff District; Chris Bridges, Dale Address, Chris Moran & DeShannan Young, Yavapai County; Jackie Baker, Town of Camp Verde; John Gilliam, Big Park Regional Coordinating Council; Chris Fetzer, NACOG; Carole Mackler, Cornville Community Association and Randy Blake and Greg Gentsch, ADOT Prescott District

**1. CALL TO ORDER - INTRODUCTIONS:**

- Chairman Curt Bohall called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes for January 27, 2010.

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

**Kevin Adam, RTAC** – RTAC was formed 10 years ago to monitor how transportation was being funded statewide especially in the 13 other Counties. Kevin sends weekly legislative updates. You can get on his list by contacting him. Arizona – an \$8.9 Billion budget was passed for the upcoming year. \$1.5 Billion worth of the adjustments are subject to the approval of the public through ballot measures in May and November. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, a three-year one-cent state sales tax increase will be considered which is estimated to generate \$918 Million. In November, voters will decide on two separate ballot measures which would redirect revenue raised by earlier successful ballot initiatives to the State General Fund. The first would redirect First Things First revenue which is generated from the 80-cent a pack tobacco sales tax and currently funds early childhood programs. A successful vote would enable the State to redirect \$325 Million already accumulated by First Things First as well as future revenues estimated at \$150 Million a year. The second ballot measure involves the Growing Smarter Initiative and would redirect \$123.5 Million that has been generated for land acquisition to preserve open space. Legislature developed a contingency plan in the event of a defeat of the sales tax vote that includes another \$862 Million in cuts, predominantly to education. An additional 5% budget hit to ADOT is included as part of the contingency plan for a failed sales tax increase vote. No such contingency plan currently exists for the possible failure of the other two measures. The major impacts on transportation were the permanent repeal of the LTAF accounts which fund local transportation projects including transit and the raiding of \$76 Million of State Highway Fund revenues that had already been appropriated to ADOT for the current year. . Other transportation funding raids remained fairly consistent with last year and include \$78.6 Million of HURF revenue and \$41.3 Million of State Highway Fund revenue to pay for DPS operations and \$43.6 Million of Vehicle License Tax revenue which will be deposited in the State General Fund. Federal - The HIRE Act restores the pre-rescission funding levels for federal transportation programs authorized by SAFETEA-LU, extends those programs through the end of December and infuses \$19.5 Billion into the Highway Trust Fund to continue paying for them. Going forward, federal transportation spending will be restored to pre-rescission levels. \$8.7 Billion of highway contract authority that was rescinded has been restored. This restoration will not result in a "backfilling" of revenue lost over the last half year while spending levels were reduced. Congress will now be able shift their attention to other transportation priorities such as a second round of stimulus funding, FAA reauthorization, a six-year transportation authorization bill and climate change legislation which will likely have significant transportation-related provisions. Congress will recess until April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**5. YAVAPAI COUNTY REPORT:** Chris Bridges reported.

- **Yavapai County Scenic Historic Route Program** – Williamson Valley Rd. was just named the second Scenic Historic Route in Yavapai County. They will be adding both the Page Springs Rd. and Williamson Valley Rd. applications to Sharlot Hall Museum.
- **Cornville Multi-use Path** – Working on surveying. Project is moving forward.
- **TIGER Funding** – We did not receive funding for either SR 260 or Fain Rd. projects. Tucson Lightrail was only project in state to receive funding.
- **Cornville Rd. Overlay Project** – April 9 will open bids for project with a June 1 construction date.

- **Cohnville Trail** – Partnering with Forest Service on NEPA. Will run in conjunction with the Multi-use Path project.
- **ARRA II Funding** – Congress passed JOBS Act with no stimulus funding. Congress will be in recess for next 2 weeks expect them to address issue when they return. Look for excellerated timelines. Quick rehab jobs would be best. Possible projects: Regional Sign Projects or Beaverhead Flat Overlay. Will keep on agenda.

## 6. CITIES, TOWNS AND ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

- **Camp Verde:** No Report
- **Clarkdale:** Steve Burroughs reported.
  - **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and the TE21 projects; 89A Sidewalk Project and Clarkdale Parkway improvements**– Have been assigned project managers for all 3. Will be holding a kick off meeting for all three soon.
  - **PARA** – March 25 we held the kickoff meeting and Stakeholders meeting to start the transportation study. The selected consultant for the study is Kimley-Horn and Associates.
  - **Park n Ride** – We will be working with CAT and NAIPTA to install a Park-n-ride lot located on Broadway between Bent River Road and Geary Heights Rd.
- **Cottonwood:** Tim Costello reported.
  - **Mingus Ave., 89A to Willard** – There will be a round –a-bout at the intersection of Willard and Mingus in conjunction with a Safe Routes to School planning grant. At 80% design. Working on ROW acquisition. Looking at fall construction.
  - **S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street - 89A to Fir** –; 60% design. Construction in approximately 1 year. Will begin after W. Mingus project.
- **Sedona:** Andy Dickey and Mark DiNunzio reported.
  - **SR 179** – Looking at a mid June completion
  - **89A and Airport Rd. traffic signal** – April 23 open bids
  - **Chapel Sewer Project** – Nearing completion.
  - **89A West Sedona Overlay** – Being designed by ADOT.
  - **Electric Vehicle Presentation** – CRC went before the Council with a proposal to replace the current Sedona Roadrunner trolleys with a fleet of small battery powered door-to-door neighborhood electric vehicles to save the city money. Council is very open to the idea and will continue to look at.
- **Beaver Creek:** No Report
- **Cornville:** No Report.
- **Big Park:** John Gilliam reported
  - **SR 179** - Project completion celebration tentatively scheduled for June 19
- **Bridgeport:** No Report.
- **Verde Villages:** No Report

## 7. ADOT: John Dalby, Flagstaff District, Randy Blake and Greg Gentsch, Prescott District reported

- **I17, McGuireville Rest Area to County Line SB** – Wastewater treatment system improvements contine. Paving start planned for April 19. There has be no environmental approval for hot plant site
- **I17 SR 179 – I40 DCR** – Preperation of "pre-initial" DCR and ED in progress for ADOT review starting mid-June. Next NEPA mandated public meetings planned for mid-June. A wildlife connectivity TAC has been formed to recommend means and prioritize elk crossings.
- **SR 260 Safety Improvement Project** –Looking at some signage changes at intersection with Cherry Rd.
- **I17 Climbing Lane from Camp Verde to top of Copper Canyon** – STP funds in program. 60% Design, End of Summer start. Will do project in sections with the top 2 miles first along with

auxillary lane at bottom from SR 260 to General Crook Trail. 11.5M Project. Night time only lane closures. There will be blasting. Will do 2 other phases to complete project plus work on the General Crook TI.

**8. NACOG:** Chris Fetzer reported.

- **ARRA II Funding** – Continue looking for future action by Senate.
- **Clarkdale's Broadway Project** – ADOT has now indicated they will make funds available so project can proceed as scheduled.

**9. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING:**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2010 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., at the Yavapai County Annex, 10 South Sixth Street, Cottonwood, AZ. . **Chairman Bohall** announced a NAIPTA meeting regarding LTAF on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the new CATS location off of Mingus Ave.